

agency of men brought over from England to rule the sister Protestant Church in this country the leaven of the Papacy would very soon be pervading the entire land. The introduction of the laity might, perhaps, arrest it; but—and he said it advisedly with sorrow, from what he had seen of the sister Church on the other side of the Atlantic—they might depend upon it that, except God in His providence and grace interposed, the Episcopal Church in this land would do as the sister Church in England had done. Out of forty-six or forty-seven bishops of the Episcopal Church in America only five or six were evangelical. In the hands of Presbyterians, in the providence and grace of God, the grand old doctrines of the Reformation had been placed, and there was no Church in these British islands standing by that faith as a Church but the Church to which they belonged. It behoved all the teachers of the Presbyterian Church in Belfast and in Ulster, and wherever there was a congregation in Ireland, to see that they did understand their grand old Reformation principles.

Family Reading.

To the Children.

My Dear Young Friends,—Many of you I know read some of the articles contained in the *Record* with a great deal of interest though you are not able to digest all that it contains. Sometimes a little corner is reserved for you containing something for your benefit, and oftentimes you are delighted when hearing of good news from the Foreign Field. Now, I wish to say a few words to you in this month's *Record*, not about the heathen in the South Sea Islands, but just to talk with you a little, and by one or two illustrations press upon you an important matter. Perhaps you already know that our Church is striving to impress upon her people the duty of giving more liberally to the cause of Christ. This same duty I want to press upon you as demanding your earnest attention. I know that you do a great deal every year for the *Dayspring* with your Collecting Cards, but I want to show you how a great deal more could be done with your own little hands. No doubt you take a deep interest in our Foreign Mission and love to read the letters of our Missionaries, but perhaps you forget there are many little boys and girls in our own land who should not be overlooked. I could point out to you for instance some new settlements in the woods where the children have neither a Day nor Sabbath School to attend, and seldom see the face of

a Minister. Perhaps you would think it very strange to hear of little boys and girls in our land who could not tell you who made them, and who know nothing of the Saviour. You will be surprised to hear of settlements in these Provinces where the Gospel is rarely preached, and of islands where families are living deprived of what most of you enjoy. Now these are not fancy sketches, and I do not give them to you for the purpose of lessening your interest in the *Dayspring*, but just because I want to make you think of all the Schemes of the Church and try and do something for them all. Giving to God makes us happy, and because I desire your happiness I want to show you how you can earn something yourselves to give to God and thus add to your happiness. Let me give you an illustration showing how this can be done, not long ago whilst addressing some Sabbath School children in a scattered settlement I pointed out to them how they might earn something of themselves to give to God; for instance, you have plenty of berries growing here on your bogs which sell readily, how easy it would be for you to pick some of these and give a part of the proceeds to God. The next day a vessel came into the harbor wishing to purchase some of these berries, immediately the children set to work and as a result of their labour handed to their minister \$2.50 for the cause of Christ. Now this is an illustration showing to you what little children can do when they enter into anything heartily; and all of you can do something in this way. When your fathers are planting potatoes how easy for you to have an extra row or two of your own and give the proceeds to God; or when you have an orchard, to set apart a mission tree, or to pick berries or have your children's bazaar. Only a few days ago I saw in a newspaper where £81 had been given to Missions, the product of a half pint of beans. You will thus see how easy it is for you to do something with your own hands for God and I hope that some of you will be putting into practice what I have now been enforcing, remembering the words of Him who hath said "Give and it shall be given unto you." D.

How War interferes with Missions.

A correspondent of the London *Times* at the Prussian headquarters writes as follows:—

"Last mail I received a letter from Egypt, in which there was a remark which struck me greatly—'How can you Christians,' says the writer, expect us to pay the least attention to your missionaries when we read of two of your greatest nations making war and committing all sorts of cruelties on each other, although you de-